

...moral is in danger of being long-armed, whether you adopt one set of political opinions or another. The Union—that is to say, the nation—has been reformed from all its perils. The noble ship has passed from tempest and billows into the verge of a safe harbor, and is not sojournly riding into her ancient mooring, without a broken spar or a leak, starboard or larboard, fore or aft (Clemens). There are more noble reefs yet to pass as she approaches these moorings. One pilot says that she may safely enter directly through them; the other says that